

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Randy Faulkner
Kelly Laustsen
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Robin Schilling
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington
Shiv Gandevia
Colin Moyer (absent)
Jeff Hollenbach
Andrea L. Coaxum
Linda Reid
Rebecca Deemer
Lauren Moll
Robert Schurr
Harold Stone (absent)
Jeff Tulone
Jeff Garton, Esquire
Doug Rossino, P.E.

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Council Vice-President Brooks convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. An invocation was given by Mayor Hollenbach, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: NO RAZORS FOR NOVEMBER

Mayor Hollenbach read a Proclamation to support No Razors for November and fundraising efforts for Pennridge FISH.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER DRAFT ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 180 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would amend the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Perkasie Borough Code related to parking regulations by adding no parking regulations on a portion of West Market Street and South Ninth Street. The ordinance and Public Hearing were advertised appropriately, and letters were mailed to surrounding property owners with copies of the ordinance.

Ken Scary from 301 West Market Street shared his concerns about the draft ordinance and stated that this could create a hardship for them by eliminating a parking space on the street for one

of their tenants.

Steve Algeo from 400 South Ninth Street stated that he is opposed to the ordinance and that it seems we would be inconveniencing people without really adding a great benefit. Mr. Algeo suggested that a better solution could be to make it a 4-way stop, to make it one way from Ninth Street back to Eighth Street and out to Park Avenue, or to add a raised pedestrian crossing on the south side of the intersection. Mr. Algeo appreciates the speed limit being lowered to 25 mph, adding that it has helped, but there is still speeding going on.

Michael Kulp from 404 South Ninth Street echoed Mr. Algeo's suggestion of adding a 4-way stop sign. Mr. Kulp then stated that the heaviest traffic is in the evenings or on Saturday mornings with people going to the Recycling Center, so he suggested the possibility making it a no right turn out of the Recycling Center, forcing people to go down Eighth Street and exit out to Park Avenue the other way.

Donna from 305 West Market Street expressed concerns about a blind spot coming up the hill and people travelling at a great rate of speed, adding that there are a lot of children and pedestrians walking to the park. She suggested a 4-way stop could be added, or that the Borough could make Market Street one-way heading down the hill to the park, or the hill could be eliminated altogether by making that a park entrance to make it safer for kids and people on e-bikes and scooters. She added that the pickleball courts bring a lot of traffic. She also suggested speed humps might slow people down.

Danielle Pasternak from 302 West Market Street informed Council that they have been living in the Borough for almost 10 years, and the corner has continued to grow with more tenants and multi-plexes, and more and more cars there, adding that her family does not always have a place to park; the houses closer to 4th Street have the alley behind the houses where they can park, but she and her family do not have that option. Ms. Pasternak stated that it has gotten more difficult over the years to find parking on the street, and that she cannot imagine how much more difficult it's going to be if parking spaces are eliminated from the street, especially for some of the elderly residents on the street.

Michael from 302 West Market Street stated that while he can understand the point of increasing the sight lines, he has witnessed people flying up and down the road, so he is concerned that increasing the sight lines will increase the confidence of those who already speed up and down the street to see that no one is coming and just continue to fly down the road. He suggested other solutions such as a 4-way stop or raised crosswalk could work better and added that he knows additional data would have to be collected.

Sue Bower from 413 South Ninth Street stated that she appeared before Council a few months ago and was in favor of lowering the speed limit on Ninth Street. She stated she has a driveway and does not need on-street parking, but needs to be able to get out of her driveway safely. Ms. Bower's concern is that taking away 85' will take away parking for 3-5 cars. Outside of normal business hours, you have a lot of people parking there, and sometimes, commercial trucks park there overnight, which is a problem. She suggested perhaps a solution would be to find a place where these people could park without encroaching on the residents. Ms. Bower also stated that she sometimes has difficulty trying to safely pull out of her driveway because there can be large vehicles parked on either side of it, adding that she has to get pretty far out to be able to see. She likes the idea of a 4-way stop, or making it one way coming out of the Recycling Center.

Dan Weaver from 422 South Ninth Street expressed his concerns about eliminating the parking spaces, stating that he doesn't know what a solution is, but that he doesn't think the 85' is going to work. Mr. Weaver added that he likes the idea of the 4-way stop sign or speed humps, and stated that there needs to be done for the blatant disrespect for the speed limit in front of the police station.

Council Vice-President Brooks thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their input.

Councilwoman Schilling read four e-mails that the Council received from residents who could not attend this evening. She also shared details from a call she received from another resident voicing concerns.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their input, adding that it is much appreciated and that Council will take all of the information and review it and come back. Mr. Ryder also commented on the exciting time for Pennridge football, adding that Friday night's game was a great game and great fun.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Discussion on Food Waste Diversion – Feasibility Study

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously authorized the staff to work with SCS Engineers to conduct an initial feasibility study for this project to identify potential food waste markets and evaluate potential collection strategies.

Discuss Accessible Parking Spaces on Second Street

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance amending the No Parking Zone on South Second Street as discussed, and to eliminate the two older ADA parking spaces from the West Market Street parking lot.

Update on TASA Application – Park Avenue Improvements Project

The Borough Manager provided an update on the funding that the Borough has received for the Park Avenue Improvements Project thus far. At the October 20th meeting, Council authorized staff to submit a TASA application for this project, and reviewed the complete application, which was submitted at the end of last month. The TASA grant will provide funding for the second half of the project.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's September 2025 Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report provided by GDS Associates. Councilman Weaver commented on the report and provided an update on the monthly GDS call that he and the staff had with them today.

Installed Capacity Update

Nothing at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Schilling provided an update on the October 27th Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Update on Construction Progress – Constitution Square

Nothing at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Park Event Application – Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Freeze-Up 5k

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the park event application from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Freeze-Up 5k on Sunday, December 7, 2025, contingent upon PWC receiving the PennDOT approval letter to cross Constitution Avenue during the race.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Personnel and Policy Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-56 – Green Ridge Estates West – Grading Escrow Release

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Worthington, Council approved Resolution #2025-56, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing the release of the grading permit escrow for the Green Ridge Estates – West project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$4,264.00 and closure of the account, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow release and close out of the account. Councilman Faulkner abstained.

Consider Changes to Mission Square Retirement Plan

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously authorized the staff to add a Roth (after-tax) contribution option to the Borough's existing 457 Deferred Compensation Plan with Mission Square.

Consider Donation Request – St. Andrew’s

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved a motion to donate six daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2026 season to St. Andrew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church for their Holiday Tea fundraiser on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Update on Borough’s Economic Development Plan Project

Councilwoman Laustsen and the Assistant Borough Manager provided an update on the project thus far, and an overview of next steps.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance 1067 – No Parking Restrictions on West Market Street and South Ninth Street

Councilman Faulkner thanked everyone for coming out this evening and sharing their concerns.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously voted to table consideration of this ordinance indefinitely.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-57 – America250PA

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-57, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasié, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA).

South Perkasié Covered Bridge Project Update

Councilman Bomboy provided an update on the project.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILORS

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia reported that it’s been an exciting time with the football play-offs, and the girls’ soccer team is also doing very well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Laustsen told Council that she took a two-hour tour of Pennridge FISH today, adding that they desperately need volunteers.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to AFSCME negotiations and would not be taking any action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary